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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

REF: PAO CONFERENCE, BRUSSELS, APRIL 28-30

1. INDICATIONS AT PAO CONFERENCE OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS MOST WELCOME TO EMBASSY. WE HOPE THIS WILL PERMIT FULL FUNDING OF COUNTRY PLAN PROPOSALS FOR FY 79 AND FY 80.

2. POST ALSO REQUESTS FOLLOWING INCREASES IN EXCHANGES WITH BULGARIA, BEYOND THOSE CONTAINED IN COUNTRY PLAN, IF FUNDING ALLOWS:

(A) ONE DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN LECTURER FOR FY 79 AND ONE FOR FY 80 (TOTAL \$5,200) FOR UP TO 30 DAYS LECTURE VISITS; AND (B) TWO ADDITIONAL IVS TO PROGRAM INDIVIDUALLY OR FOR MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECTS. IN ADDITION, SOFIA UNIVERSITY RECTOR SENDOV ON RECENT IV TRIP DISCUSSED DIRECT UNIVERSITY TO UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES WITH PITTSBURGH, UNIV. OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE, UNIV. OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AND MID-WEST INTERNATIONAL UNIV. CONSORTIUM. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE REQUEST FOUR GRANOS (ONE FOR EACH OF ABOVE UNIVERSITIES -- ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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\$5,000 EACH, OR TOTAL OF \$20,000) TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL LINKS BETWEEN US AND BULGARIAN UNIVERSITIES (TO INCLUDE TRAVEL OF UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TO BULGARIA).

3. POST HAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MFA POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DURING CURRENT FY. WILL ADVISE ASAP ON ANY ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES FOR FY 78 WHICH MATERIALIZE.

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